PPP to seek removal of govt in 1999

By Our Reporter

KARACHI, Dec 31: Pakistan People's Party has declared that 1999 would be the year of struggle and triumph against oppressive and dictatorial rule and called upon the people to prepare themselves for getting rid of the present rulers.

Addressing a news conference, Nisar Khuhro, President, PPP Sindh, declared that in its meeting the party took certain decisions to galvanise people to oust the Muslim League government after Eidul Fitr.

He said that Ms Benazir Bhutto's return from foreign tour after Eid would be a turning point in the struggle against the rulers.

Mr Khuhro said the outgoing year was the year of deprivation, weakening of national institutions, setting up parallel judiciary, attacks on press, rabid victimisation of political opponents in the name of accountability based on fake and forged allegations.

Asked if the PPP would go it alone or other parties would also join her in the campaign against the government, Nisar Khuhro was evasive but he said all those who leave democracy and freedom would be with his party in the struggle.

He praised those forces who opposed Kalabagh dam and made the assemblies ineffective.

He was not categorical whether the multi-party Pakistan Awami Ittehad (PAI) and other religious groups would also be involved in the campaign.

In the various resolutions adopted in the meeting the Sindh PPP expressed concern over the prolongation of Governor's rule in the province while assembly remained dormant and supra-constitutional military courts were operating without any question.

The Sindh PPP also condemned the government's decision to offload Ms Bhutto from the Dubai-bound flight and inclusion of her name in the ECL.

It also expressed concern over the law and order situation in the province, continuing incidents of car snatching, dacoities, and violence. The government, it said, was incompetent and corrupt and must go.

The meeting also condemned demolition of houses in Liaquatabad on Dec 29 under the pretext of nabbing the terrorists.

The PPP also expressed concern over precarious condition of the paris and decline in the income of the agriculturists due to wrong policies of the government.